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## SLEW THE WIFE AND BABE HE HATED.

Wanted to Kill Father-in-Law and Friend, but Couldn't Find Them.

Lying Among the Bogs, He Waged a Fierce Battle with Pursuers.

Brought to Bay by the Posse, the Desperate Man Took His Own Life.

USED A DIRK ON HIS LITTLE ONE.

Sad Story of Woman's Trust and Man's Perfidy Which Led to a Terrible Triple Tragedy.

Clayton, Mass., May 4.—A tragedy, in which three lives were sacrificed to the anger of a maddened man, was enacted in this peaceful borough this morning. The annals of crime in Southwest Massachusetts do not afford a case in any manner comparable to it, and all the country for miles around is in a ferment of excitement over the terrible deed.

The crime consisted of the murder by Edgar C. Plant of his young wife and an infant child, who at the moment of the tragedy was clasped to her mother's breast. After this, Plant sought to vent his insane rage upon another person, but happily was prevented from so doing. The final scene when he turned his revolver upon himself, pressed the muzzle close to his heart and fired the bullet that closed his career.

The cause of the tragedy dates back to more than a year ago, when Plant, a fine-looking young fellow, a graduate of McGill College, Montreal, met and won Ada Sanford, a country lass, living in the town of Canaan, Conn. She was a fair-haired, blue-eyed slip of a girl, and Plant so completely won her affection that in the excess of her love and abiding faith she erred. Plant had pledged his troth to her, and she never feared that he would fail to make her his bride.

### BROUGHT HIM TO TERMS.

When at last Plant dropped the mask and informed her in words and in manner that could not be misconstrued, that he could never be her husband, she almost died of grief and shame. From a robust, active girl, she became thin and wan.

Through it all she loved Plant with devotion. At last came a time when it was useless for her to attempt to conceal the sorrow which she had so religiously guarded. Her mother found it out, and confided it to her husband, William Sanford. Ada's father, is known throughout Canaan as a man of irreproachable honor, but stern and severe. When he discovered that his family name had been smirched he decided to act at once. Heroic measures were necessary. He called upon his daughter's betrayer and told him that he must keep his faith to the girl. This Plant promised to do, but this promise, like his pledges to the girl, was broken. Then Sanford decided to adopt more drastic measures, and he had the young man arrested on a criminal charge. He was brought before the local magistrate at Canaan, and rather than suffer as a criminal, he married the girl.

The ceremony was performed by a Methodist minister at Ashley Falls, and though her eyes filled with tears the happy bride looked gratefully upon the man who had made her a wife. On that day their child was born. The affair was much talked about, and it was predicted that the marriage would not be a happy one. The young couple went to housekeeping in Clayton in March. The mother lavished her love upon the babe, but the father hated it. He chided his wife continually, and though her lot was an unhappy one, she was brought comfort in her child. Her short married life was passed in the hope that by patience and loving affection she would yet win the love of her husband.

Plant's father is superintendent of the White Brick and Terra Cotta Company, in Clayton, and the young man worked off and on in the factory, which is the chief means of support for the slightly more than one hundred persons who constitute the village. The father did all in his power to make him treat his wife as a wife and mother should be treated, and, in fact, both families did everything possible to make matters smooth.

### STORY OF THE TRAGEDY

Just what precipitated the end will never be known, but from what can be gathered this is the story of the murder:

Last Tuesday Plant engaged board with Daniel Condon, of Canaan, whose home is located half a mile from the Sanford house, in Clayton. Mrs. Filbert Moulton, a friend of the Sanford family, called at the Condon house this morning, and begged Plant and his family to return with her to the home of Mrs. Plant's relatives, in Clayton. They left the Condon house shortly after ten o'clock, and instead of taking the highway, they took a cross cut through the meadows. Near a patch of woodland Plant asked Mrs. Moulton to return to the Condon house and get his wife's shawl. Upon her return to the spot where she had left the Plant family, a terrible sight met her gaze. Mrs. Plant and her infant lay dead on the hillside.

Plant had murdered his wife by emptying three chambers of a revolver into her body. After killing his wife he plunged a dirk four times into the breast of his infant. He went direct from the scene of his crime to the office of the White Brick & Terra Cotta Company, in Clayton, where his father is employed as superintendent, and related his crime. He threatened the death of his father, who escaped and locked himself in a small room adjoining the office. Flourishing a revolver in one hand and a dirk in the other, he left the office in search of William Sanford, his wife's father, and Harry Lyles. Word was conveyed to Sanford and Lyles of their impending danger, and Sanford hid himself in the factory.

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# THE JOURNAL

## Look in The Journal

For the best Horse news ever printed in any newspaper or periodical; more of it and more reliable. It is there every day in the week.



Mrs. John Stetson.

The wife of the late theatrical manager broke down from grief on the day of his death and since grew gradually worse until she died yesterday morning. No will made by Stetson has been found and his attorney is too ill to give any information on the subject.

## NOT A TRACE OF JOHN STETSON'S WILL.

His Widow Also Dies Suddenly and His Lawyer Is Unconscious.

She Was Broken Down by Grief and, Except for a Brief Rally, Never Recovered.

NO CLUE FROM LAWYER PATTEE.

It is Understood He Drew a Will for Stetson, but a Serious Illness Prevents His Disclosing Its Contents.

Boston, May 4.—Mrs. John Stetson died suddenly yesterday in a very mysterious way. In addition to this, there is a mystery about John Stetson's will. He left about \$4,000,000, and everybody is at sea as to who will inherit his large fortune. His lawyer has also fallen sick, and has been unconscious almost all the time since the millionaire manager's death.

Not only that, but there is not a trace of a will left by his widow.

A FATAL DAY. Mrs. Stetson's illness dates from the day of Mr. Stetson's death, Saturday, April 18. She was not strong, and grief caused her to break down. She rapidly grew worse, and on the day of the funeral was unable to attend. It was thought after a day or two that there was a gain in strength, and when the attendants made their report to the doctor this morning he expressed a hope that the crisis had passed.

Suddenly and without warning a collapse came, and Mrs. Stetson sank rapidly. She died at 9:30 o'clock, and her mother, Mrs. Stokes, who has been in attendance since Mr. Stetson's death, and Mrs. Stetson's three sisters were at the bedside when the end came.

By common report, on the day before he died, Mr. Stetson called in his life-time friend and counsel, Mr. Charles E. Pattee, and executed a will which Mr. Pattee drew for him. Mr. Pattee was soon taken seriously ill, and is now unable to throw any light upon the situation. As his malady still continues, with periods of unconsciousness, it has been impossible to obtain a conference with him.

The death of Mrs. John Stetson, following that of her husband after but a very brief interval, leaves the matter of the disposition of the large Stetson interests more complex than ever. If Mr. Stetson left a will it is presumed that by it Mrs. Stetson would receive the bulk of her husband's property, real and personal. If he left no will, she, as his widow, would receive \$5,000 in real estate, her dower and \$5,000 in personal property, and Mr. Stetson's father, who is still living, would receive one-half the son's property.

Mrs. Stetson was Miss Kate Stokes, daughter of S. I. Stokes, the veteran circus manager. She was born in Brooklyn and was one of four sisters, all of whom achieved success as circus performers, one of them, Miss Belle Stokes, being now on the stage. Another sister, Emma Stokes, is the wife of Manager John B. Doris, of the Gaiety Theatre, of New York, while the other sister is Mrs. Frank J. Pilling. Her mother, Mrs. Emma Stokes, was once noted as the most accomplished rider of her day.

### GAVE UP THE CIRCUS RING.

Miss Kate Stokes was married in her youth to Carl Anthony, a horse trainer and rider. The marriage was unhappy and resulted in a divorce.

By reason of an accident in the ring she became somewhat lame, for a time gave up her life as an equestrienne and went on the stage, appearing in "The Corsican Brothers," "The Crust of Society" and other plays. She was married to Mr. Stetson on June 30, 1887, and retired from the stage.

She, however, consented to take the part of Mrs. Eastlake Chapel in "The Crust of Society" on a Western tour in 1890. Three years ago, for a brief engagement at the Globe Theatre, in this city, Mrs. Stetson also appeared in the play above mentioned. A year or two previous to that time she danced in "The Gondoliers" and made such a hit that, in accordance with Mr. Stetson's wish, she continued to appear through the two weeks' run of the piece. Mrs. Stetson was about thirty-five years of age. Her charities in Boston were extensive, though known to but few.

Mrs. Stetson's last public appearance here was at a banquet which her husband gave at the opening of his new hotel, the Savoy.

## YOUNG GIRL AN ASSASSIN'S VICTIM.

A Terrible Tragedy Enacted in the Northwestern Suburbs of Washington.

She Fell Dying into the Waters of Rock Creek While the Perpetrator of the Deed Fled.

EVIDENCES OF A BITTER STRUGGLE.

The Murderer, from the Fleeting Glimpse Caught of Him by a Boy, Is Believed to Be a Negro, Though There Is No Clue to His Identity.

Washington, May 4.—A terrible tragedy occurred in the northwestern suburbs of this city to-night, only a short distance from the Zoological Park, and on the borders of Rock Creek, the historic stream separating Washington from its Georgetown district.

Elsie Kreglo, a sixteen-year-old daughter of Isalah Kreglo, a farmer employed on the Elsie estate, went a short distance from her home about 8 o'clock in the afternoon to graze some of the cattle belonging to the farm. Soon a series of screams startled the woman of the family, who, with a small colored boy, ran in the direction of the cries. The lad, fleetest of foot, reached the scene first, and found the girl on the border of the creek with her throat cut.

He caught a glimpse of a man running into the woods near by, and also picked up a revolver in the vicinity. There was every evidence of a struggle. The girl appeared to be alive just before help reached her, but fell face downward into the creek, reeking with her life blood, before those who came could in any way relieve her.

The assassin is supposed to be a negro, but up to a late hour to-night no arrests have been made.

### TO PROTECT AMERICANS.

Positive Instructions Given to Consul-General Lee—Cleveland for Vigorous Action.

By Julius Chambers.

Washington, May 4.—The instructions given to General Lee, who is to supersede the mild Mr. Williams as Consul-General at Havana, are of a positive character. He has been told to be prompt and vigilant in the protection of Americans arrested in Cuba.

The President, in a talk with the new Consul-General, expressed his dissatisfaction with the dilatory course of Williams in failing to press the rights of American citizens placed under arrest either to immediate trial or to prompt release.

The instructions to General Lee are that he is not to take possession of his office in Havana as an enemy of Spain, but that he must exercise greater vigilance in behalf of Americans than his predecessor. To this proposition the Virginian assented most heartily.

The debut of the Spanish Minister, Senor Conde de Lome, has indicated that his Government resents the charges from Williams to Leo. De Lome has paid several visits to Secretary Olney during the last few days, with the object of ascertaining the character of the instructions to be given to General Lee. He was informed, in the most polite diplomatic language, that it was none of his business.

The evidences accumulate to prove that President Cleveland contemplates something in the nature of vigorous action concerning Cuba. He is fully cognizant of the overwhelming sentiment of the American people in regard to the cause of the Cubans.

Consul-General Lee, after his arrival in Havana, will send to the President reports of the actual condition of the struggle going on in the island. On these reports the President will base some action in keeping with the manifest sentiment of the American people.

## SHAKEN AS IF BY AN EARTHQUAKE.

Cincinnati the Scene of a Terrible and Fatal Gasoline Explosion.

Drach's Saloon Blown to Fragments and at Least Eight People Killed.

The Ruin So Encumbered That the Death List Will Be Considerably Increased.

WAS A NOTED POLITICAL RESORT.

The Whole Central Part of the City Shaken by the Explosion and Fronts of Many Buildings Were Blown Out.

Cincinnati, O., May 4.—By the explosion of a barrel of gasoline in the saloon of William Drach, to-night, the whole city was shaken as if by an earthquake, the saloon was wiped out of existence, a whole square, more or less, shattered, and at least eight people killed and fifteen injured. That number of people has already been recovered, but there is every probability that the list of fatalities will be a much larger one.

So far as can be learned at present the dead are as follows:

R. A. Davis, Hamilton, O.  
Lewis Fey, saloon keeper.  
Mrs. Adolph Drach.  
Felice Drach, five years old.  
Adolph Drach.

There are three bodies that can be seen in the ruins, pinioned by beams, which the firemen have been unable so far to extricate.

The injured are Harry Hunnink, slightly bruised; Sidney Johnson, bartender for Drach, both arms and ribs broken, will die; William Cook, injured internally, will die; George Bass, cut and bruised, not serious; Charles Page, colored porter Gibson House, eye put out by flying glass, and Joseph Pugh, Chief of Police of Covington, Ky., cut by glass and bruised, not serious.

WHERE THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED.

The building was situated on the east side of Walnut street, just south of Fifth, the lower floor being occupied by Drach's saloon. The upper apartments were rented out to lodgers. No one knows at this writing what caused the collapse of the building. It is only known that people for several blocks around where the disaster occurred were startled by a most terrific explosion about 7:45 o'clock. A fire alarm was instantly turned in and in a few moments half the Fire Department was on the scene.

The work of rescue was instantly begun, a force of men taking the front, while a second corps went to the rear of the building, which opened into an alley. The first persons who appeared upon the scene entered the alley and came up to the rear of the building where the piteous cries and moans of a female were the only evidence of life beneath the wreck. These cries came from the cellar. It is utterly impossible that any persons on the other floors could have escaped a horrible death. In addition to the victims who are buried beneath the building, it is estimated that fully one hundred people have been more or less injured by the concussion, falling electric light wires and fragments of shattered glass, stone and timber. Twenty of those injured on the streets were taken into the Gibson House, just across the way and their wounds dressed.

Chief of Police Pugh was just in the act of entering the saloon; in fact, one foot was upon the door sill, when he was startled by the flash of a burning electric wire overhead. He sprang backward, when almost simultaneously the explosion occurred, and he felt the ground leave his feet. He was blown into the middle of the street.

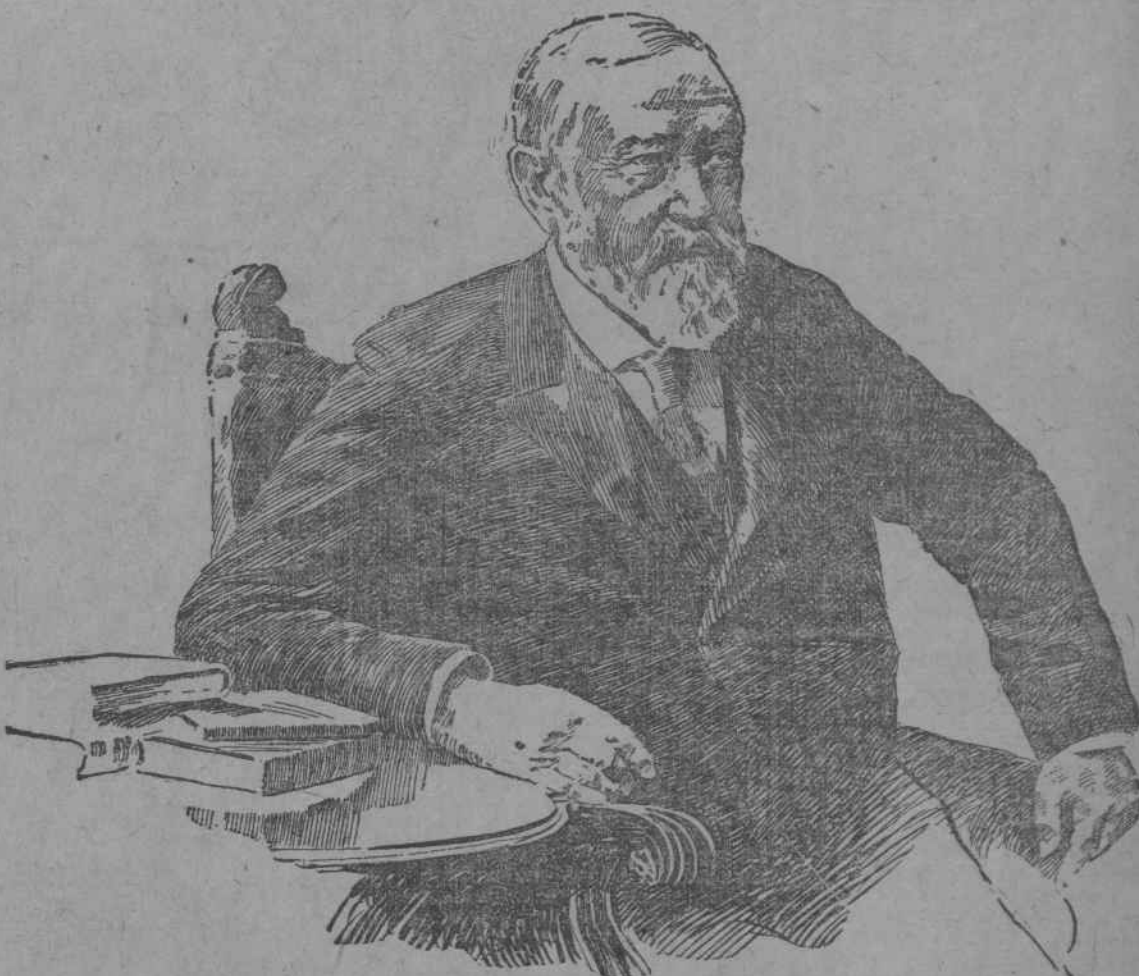
Three persons, whose names cannot be learned, were injured slightly in a passing

street car, and several ladies in another car were prostrated from the shock. A Newport, Ky., car, which was also near the place, met with a remarkable experience. It was suddenly brought to a standstill by a fearful shock and an immense mass came crashing through the roof. This proved, upon examination, to be an iron door from the cellar of the building, which, by some strange freak of the explosion, had been blown through the falling debris, and up into the air. A man named John Nebel, of this city, had just left the spot where it fell, and walked back to the rear platform. No one was hurt.

A Brown street car was smashed almost into fragments. There were, fortunately,

## HARRISON A CANDIDATE?

Claim Made by Friends That Morton's Vote Will Be His on the First Ballot.



EX-PRESIDENT BENJAMIN HARRISON.

### WILL KNOW THEIR FATE.

Disposition of the Five Prisoners at Pretoria to Be Made Public To-day.

Capetown, May 4.—The decision respecting the reduction of the capital sentences of the five men at Pretoria will be given to-morrow. Boers generally advocate the remission of the sentences.

All the prisoners have presented separate petitions, urging the mitigation of the penalty. No visitors are allowed to see the prisoners.

The Volkstem, the Hollanders' organ, alone approves the sentences, and says the Transvaal is strong enough to carry them out.

The Port Elizabeth Herald says: "Gregorowicz was imported from the Orange Free State especially for the trial. An explanation of the Judge's savage sentences is hard to find. He degraded the court of justice with a fiendish lust for blood and an outrage on common sense that shocked South Africa and brought the country to the verge of civil war."

### FOUGHT A SAVAGE DOG.

Animal Was Tearing a Schoolboy When a Policeman Clubbed and Then Shot the Brute.

Half a dozen children gathered in front of No. 155 Rodney street, Williamsburg, yesterday afternoon, and were playing tag; when a big Newfoundland dog sprang among them. He was frothing from the mouth, and frightened the children, who scattered in all directions. The dog chased James McArdle, of No. 676 Wythe avenue, and fastened its fangs in the boy's right thigh. McArdle screamed with pain, and beat the dog on the head with his slate. Policeman McGrath ran up and struck the animal on the head several times, but the Newfoundland could not be made to release his hold. His ferocity seemed to increase at every stroke of the officer's club. The dog held on, and shook his victim like a terrier worrying a rat. The policeman finally fired a shot, which struck the dog in the left side. He released his hold on the boy's leg and sprang at the throat of the policeman. McGrath wheeled about, and as the dog jumped by him, fired another shot. The bullet lodged in the brute's heart, and he fell to the pavement dead.

Young McArdle had become unconscious from pain, and was carried to a drug store. An ambulance surgeon cauterized the wounds, and the lad was taken home.

### STILL FIGHTING WOMEN.

Several Methodist Delegates Withdraw Their Right to Vote, but Others Will Maintain Their Right.

Cleveland, May 4.—The battle being waged over the right of women to vote in conference was continued by the Methodist Conference to-day. Champions of the ladies received a setback when a communication from the women delegates from Indiana and Ohio conferences was read. These women withdrew their rights in the case for the sake of peace, and thanked their advocates for their efforts.

The fight was taken up, again, however, and vigorous speeches made. The discussion continued at length and was heated at times. Finally, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Leonard, of Cincinnati, the further debate on the question was postponed until 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Friends of General Harrison at Indianapolis last night declared that they have assurances from prominent members of the New York delegation to St. Louis that the vote now pledged to Morton will be cast for the ex-President if the Indiana delegates stand by him and ignore McKinley. No names were given, but it was asserted that the New Yorkers have abandoned all hope of nominating Morton. A dispatch was received at Cincinnati from Louisville, stating that Governor Bradley is willing to throw Kentucky's vote to Harrison. On the other hand, McKinley men claim that the ex-President is being used as a stalking horse for his former bitter foes, who hope with his name to defeat the Ohioan, and they declare that Harrison will never assent to such a scheme.

### A HARRISON SENSATION.

His Friends Claim New York is Ready to Give Him Morton's Vote on the First Ballot.

Indianapolis, May 4.—The friends of ex-President Harrison are promising a sensation before the Republican State Convention meets, and to-night are asserting with more confidence than at any previous time that the convention will not instruct for McKinley.

They give as a reason that they have letters from prominent New York Republicans, declaring that they now realize that Morton will have no show in the convention, and that the full delegation will give its support to Harrison on the first ballot if he can hold the thirty Indiana delegates. They say that they do not wish to prevent their documentary evidence except as a last resort, and that, if the delegates will not agree to instruct, they will not make public the names of the men who have written them thus or show their letters.

If, when all the delegates are here, it is evident that instructions are contemplated, they will then show the letters, and the names signed to them will carry force and prevent instructions, for the issue will then be squarely joined in Indiana between McKinley and Harrison.

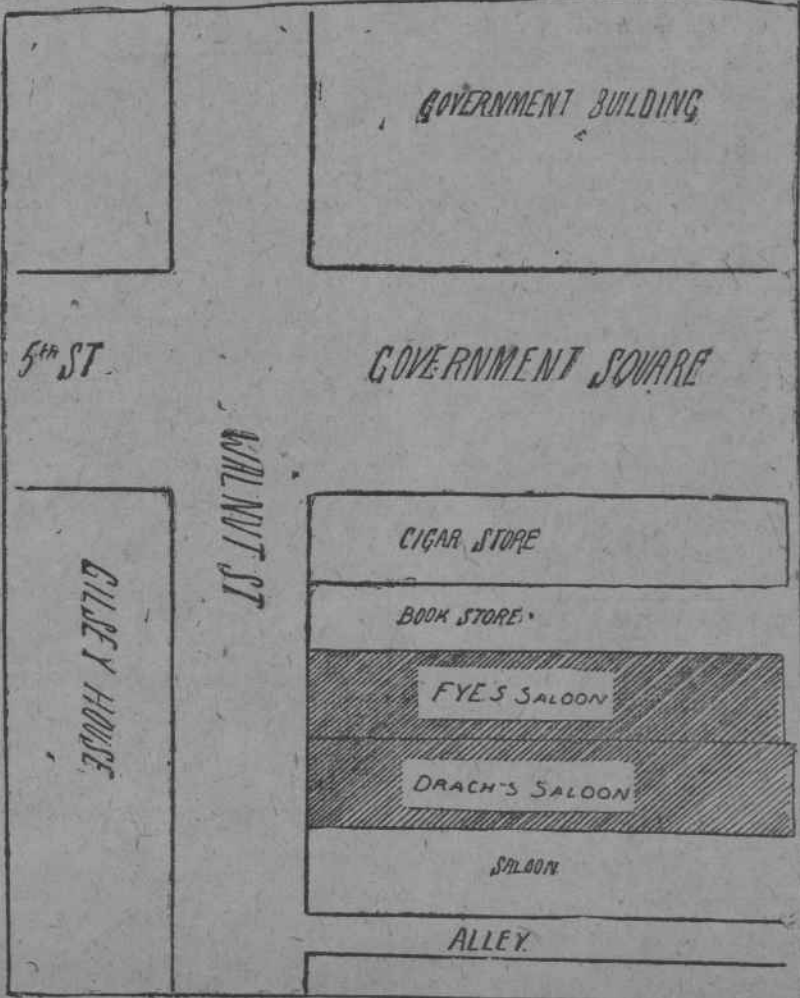
Inquiry among the men who make these assertions fails to secure the names of the writers, but it is intimated that they are some of the most prominent men in the New York delegation and are conclusive of the sentiment of the delegates.

The McKinley men do not seem to be frightened by these statements and are arranging to force instructions, no matter what fight may result in the convention. They are aggressive and determined and reply to the foreboding of the sensation that they are aware of the tricks of the Platt machine and do not intend to be deterred from their purpose by anything that may be said or done.

Chairman Gowdy does not believe that such letters have been written, but he admits that strong outside pressure has been brought to bear upon Mr. Harrison to recall his letter declining to be a candidate.

Some of ex-President Harrison's friends called upon him to-day and requested him to attend the Republican State Convention on Thursday and deliver a speech to the delegates. He declined to say positively whether he would be present or not, but intimated that he might attend for a short time.

The friends of McKinley have arranged for a monster mass meeting for to-morrow night, at which General Lew Wallace and other McKinley men will deliver addresses. The other candidates for Governor are trying to form a combination against ex-



SCENE OF THE EXPLOSION IN CINCINNATI.